

PDL PHASE-IN SCHEDULE FOR JULY (Phase III) IMPLEMENTATION

Soft edits start July 1, 2004, for all classes

Hard edits on August 2, 2004

2nd generation Cephalosporins (Antibiotics)

3rd generation Cephalosporins (Antibiotics)

Macrolides - Adult and Pediatric (Antibiotics)

2nd generation Quinolones – Systemic (Antibiotics)

3rd generation Quinolones – Systemic (Antibiotics)

Antihyperkinesis/CNS Stimulants (Medications for ADD/ADHD)

Hard edits on August 9, 2004

Alpha-2 Adrenergic - Ophthalmic

Beta-blockers -Ophthalmic

Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors - Ophthalmic

Prostaglandin Inhibitors - Ophthalmic

COX-2 Clinical Edits: Hard edits begin July 1, 2004 (POS-denial, PA required). **Those patients who are under 60 and have been on COX-2 therapy between January and June 2004 will be able to continue without disruption of service until their current prior authorization expires, or until June 30, 2005, which ever comes first.**

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